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7           UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8           CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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10          Design Collection, INC., a California  
11          corporation,

12          Plaintiff,

13          vs.

14          ZOETOP BUSINESS CO., LTD.,  
15          individually and doing business as  
16          “SHEIN”, a Hong Kong private  
17          limited company; SHEIN  
18          DISTRIBUTION CORP., a Delaware  
19          corporation; and DOES 1-10,

20          Defendants.

21          Case No.: 2:22-cv-05166-PA-JEM  
22          STIPULATED PROTECTIVE  
23          ORDER

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1       1.     A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

2                 As the parties have represented that discovery in this action is likely to  
3 involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which  
4 special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than  
5 prosecuting this litigation may be warranted, this Court enters the following  
6 Protective Order. This Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures  
7 or responses to discovery. The protection it affords from public disclosure and use  
8 extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential  
9 treatment under the applicable legal principles.

10               B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

11               This action is likely to involve customer and pricing lists and valuable  
12 development, commercial, financial, and/or proprietary information for which  
13 special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than  
14 prosecution of this action is warranted. Such confidential and proprietary materials  
15 and information consist of, among other things, confidential business and financial  
16 information, information regarding confidential business practices, other  
17 confidential development and commercial information (including information  
18 implicating privacy rights of third parties), and information otherwise generally  
19 unavailable to the public or which may be protected from disclosure under state or  
20 federal statutes, court rules, case decisions, or common law. Accordingly, to  
21 expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over  
22 confidentiality of discovery materials, to adequately protect information the parties  
23 are entitled to keep confidential, to ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable  
24 necessary uses of such material in preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to  
25 address their handling at the end of the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a  
26 protective order for such information is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the  
27 parties that information will not be designated as confidential for tactical reasons  
28 and that nothing be so designated without a good faith belief that it has been

1 maintained in a confidential, non-public manner, and there is good cause why it  
2 should not be part of the public record of this case.

3 **C. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PROCEDURE FOR FILING UNDER SEAL**

4 The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3, below, that this  
5 Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information  
6 under seal; Local Civil Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed  
7 and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court  
8 to file material under seal.

9 There is a strong presumption that the public has a right of access to judicial  
10 proceedings and records in civil cases. In connection with non-dispositive motions,  
11 good cause must be shown to support a filing under seal. *See Kamakana v. City and*  
12 *County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1176 (9th Cir. 2006); *Phillips v. Gen. Motors*  
13 *Corp.*, 307 F.3d 1206, 1210-11 (9th Cir. 2002); *Makar-Welbon v. Sony Electrics,*  
14 *Inc.*, 187 F.R.D. 576, 577 (E.D. Wis. 1999) (even stipulated protective orders  
15 require good cause showing), and a specific showing of good cause or compelling  
16 reasons with proper evidentiary support and legal justification, must be made with  
17 respect to Protected Material that a party seeks to file under seal. The parties' mere  
18 designation of Disclosure or Discovery Material as CONFIDENTIAL does not—  
19 without the submission of competent evidence by declaration, establishing that the  
20 material sought to be filed under seal qualifies as confidential, privileged, or  
21 otherwise protectable—constitute good cause.

22 Further, if a party requests sealing related to a dispositive motion or trial, then  
23 compelling reasons, not only good cause, for the sealing must be shown, and the  
24 relief sought shall be narrowly tailored to serve the specific interest to be protected.  
25 *See Pintos v. Pacific Creditors Ass'n*, 605 F.3d 665, 677-79 (9th Cir. 2010). For  
26 each item or type of information, document, or thing sought to be filed or introduced  
27 under seal in connection with a dispositive motion or trial, the party seeking  
28 protection must articulate compelling reasons, supported by specific facts and legal

1 justification, for the requested sealing order. Again, competent evidence supporting  
2 the application to file documents under seal must be provided by declaration.

3 Any document that is not confidential, privileged, or otherwise protectable in  
4 its entirety will not be filed under seal if the confidential portions can be redacted.  
5 If documents can be redacted, then a redacted version for public viewing, omitting  
6 only the confidential, privileged, or otherwise protectable portions of the document  
7 shall be filed. Any application that seeks to file documents under seal in their  
8 entirety should include an explanation of why redaction is not feasible

9       2. DEFINITIONS

10      2.1 Action: This pending federal lawsuit.

11      2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the  
12 designation of information or items under this Order.

13      2.3 “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: information (regardless of  
14 how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for  
15 protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in  
16 the Good Cause Statement.

17      2.4 “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -- ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY”

18 Information or Items: extremely sensitive “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or  
19 Items, the disclosure of which to another Party or Non-Party would create a  
20 substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.

21      2.5 Counsel: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as  
22 their support staff).

23      2.6 Designating Party: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or  
24 items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as  
25 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -- ATTORNEYS’ EYES  
26 ONLY.”

27      2.7 Disclosure or Discovery Material: all items or information, regardless  
28 of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including,

1 among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or  
2 generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

3       2.8   Expert: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter  
4 pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as  
5 an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.

6       2.9   House Counsel: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action.  
7 House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside  
8 counsel.

9       2.10   Non-Party: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or  
10 other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.

11       2.11   Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a  
12 party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and  
13 have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm  
14 which has appeared on behalf of that party, and includes support staff.

15       2.12   Party: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors,  
16 employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their  
17 support staffs).

18       2.13   Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or  
19 Discovery Material in this Action.

20       2.14   Professional Vendors: persons or entities that provide litigation  
21 support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or  
22 demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium)  
23 and their employees and subcontractors.

24       2.15   Protected Material: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is  
25 designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL --  
26 ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.”

27       2.16   Receiving Party: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery  
28 Material from a Producing Party.

1           3.     SCOPE

2           The protections conferred by this Order cover not only Protected Material (as  
3       defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected  
4       Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material;  
5       and (3) any deposition testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their  
6       Counsel that might reveal Protected Material, other than during a court hearing or at  
7       trial.

8           Any use of Protected Material during a court hearing or at trial shall be  
9       governed by the orders of the presiding judge. This Order does not govern the use  
10      of Protected Material during a court hearing or at trial.

11          4.     DURATION

12          Even after final disposition of this litigation, the confidentiality obligations  
13       imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees  
14       otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs. Final disposition shall be  
15       deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action, with  
16       or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and  
17       exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action,  
18       including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time  
19       pursuant to applicable law.

20          5.     DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

21          5.1    Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection.

22          Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under  
23       this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that  
24       qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for  
25       protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written  
26       communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents,  
27       items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept  
28       unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

1           Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited. Designations  
2 that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper  
3 purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose  
4 unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating  
5 Party to sanctions.

6           If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it  
7 designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must  
8 promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

9           5.2 Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in  
10 this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of Section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise  
11 stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection  
12 under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or  
13 produced.

14           Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

15           (a) for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic  
16 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions), that the Producing Party affix  
17 at a minimum, the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL --  
18 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" to each page that contains protected material. If  
19 only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the  
20 Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making  
21 appropriate markings in the margins).

22           A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for inspection  
23 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated  
24 which documents it would like copied and produced. During the inspection and  
25 before the designation, all of the material made available for inspection shall be  
26 deemed "CONFIDENTIAL." After the inspecting Party has identified the  
27 documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine which  
28 documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order. Then,

1 before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the  
2 “CONFIDENTIAL”, or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -- ATTORNEYS’ EYES  
3 ONLY” legend to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or  
4 portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing Party also  
5 must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings  
6 in the margins).

7                     (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identifies  
8 on the record, before the close of the deposition as protected testimony.

9                     (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and  
10 for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on  
11 the exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the  
12 legend “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -- ATTORNEYS’  
13 EYES ONLY.” If only a portion or portions of the information warrants protection,  
14 the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

15        5.3 Inadvertent Failures to Designate. If timely corrected, an inadvertent  
16 failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive  
17 the Designating Party’s right to secure protection under this Order for such material.  
18 Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable  
19 efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this  
20 Order.

21        6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

22        6.1 Timing of Challenges. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a  
23 designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court’s  
24 Scheduling Order.

25        6.2 Meet and Confer. The Challenging Party shall initiate the dispute  
26 resolution process under Local Rule 37-1 et seq.

27        6.3 The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on  
28 the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper

1 purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other  
2 parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating  
3 Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall  
4 continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is  
5 entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on the  
6 challenge.

7       7.     ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

8       7.1    Basic Principles. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is  
9 disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this  
10 Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such  
11 Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the  
12 conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a  
13 Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of Section 13 below.

14       Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a  
15 location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons  
16 authorized under this Order.

17       7.2    Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items. Unless  
18 otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a  
19 Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated  
20 “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

21           (a) the Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as  
22 well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably  
23 necessary to disclose the information for this Action;

24           (b) the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) of  
25 the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action;

26           (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom  
27 disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the  
28 “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

(d) the court and its personnel;

(e) court reporters and their staff;

(f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional

Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

(g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;

(h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing party requests that the witness sign the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A); and (2) they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted under this Protective Order; and

(i) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

**7.3 Disclosure of “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -- ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” Information or Items.** Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information or item designated “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL – ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” only to:

(a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this Action;

(b) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the

1       “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

2                   (c) the court and its personnel;

3                   (d) court reporters and their staff;

4                   (e) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and Professional  
5 Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have  
6 signed the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A);

7                   (f) the author or recipient of a document containing the information or a  
8 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information, or a  
9 deponent or deponents testifying on a Party or Parties’ behalf under Rule 30(b)(6);

10                  (g) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in the  
11 Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing party  
12 requests that the witness sign the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound”  
13 (Exhibit A); and (2) they will not be permitted to keep any Protected Material unless  
14 they sign the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A), unless  
15 otherwise agreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the court. Pages of  
16 transcribed deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected  
17 Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to  
18 anyone except as permitted under this Protective Order; and

19                  (h) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel,  
20 mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.

21                  8.      PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED

22                  PRODUCED IN OTHER LITIGATION

23                  If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation  
24 that compels disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as  
25 “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -- ATTORNEYS’ EYES  
26 ONLY,” that Party must:

27                  (a) promptly notify in writing the Designating Party. Such notification  
28 shall include a copy of the subpoena or court order unless prohibited by law;

(b) promptly notify in writing the party who caused the subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the subpoena or order is subject to this Protective Order. Such notification shall include a copy of this Protective Order; and

(c) cooperate with respect to all reasonable procedures sought to be pursued by the Designating Party whose Protected Material may be affected.

If the Designating Party timely seeks a protective order, the Party served with the subpoena or court order shall not produce any information designated in this action as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -- ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” before a determination by the court from which the subpoena or order issued, unless the Party has obtained the Designating Party’s permission, or unless otherwise required by the law or court order. The Designating Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in that court of its confidential material and nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in this Action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

**9. A NON-PARTY'S PROTECTED MATERIAL SOUGHT TO BE  
PRODUCED IN THIS LITIGATION**

(a) The terms of this Order are applicable to information produced by a Non-Party in this Action and designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL -- ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” Such information produced by Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief provided by this Order. Nothing in these provisions should be construed as prohibiting a Non-Party from seeking additional protections.

(b) In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:

(1) promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;

(2) promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and

(3) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party, if requested.

(c) If a Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this court within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the court unless otherwise required by the law or court order. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in this court of its Protected Material.

## 10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the “Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound” (Exhibit A).

11. INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR  
OTHERWISE PROTECTED MATERIAL

1        When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain  
2 inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection,  
3 the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil  
4 Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever  
5 procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production  
6 without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and  
7 (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a  
8 communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work  
9 product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement into this Protective  
10 Order.

11        **12. MISCELLANEOUS**

12        **12.1 Right to Further Relief.** Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any  
13 person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.

14        **12.2 Right to Assert Other Objections.** No Party waives any right it  
15 otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item  
16 on any ground not addressed in this Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives  
17 any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered  
18 by this Protective Order.

19        **12.3 Filing Protected Material.** A Party that seeks to file under seal any  
20 Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material  
21 may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the  
22 specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material  
23 under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information  
24 in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

25        **13. FINAL DISPOSITION**

26        After the final disposition of this Action, as defined in Section 4, within 60  
27 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must return  
28 all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in

1 this subdivision, “all Protected Material” includes all copies, abstracts, compilations,  
2 summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected  
3 Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving  
4 Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same  
5 person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies  
6 (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or  
7 destroyed and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies,  
8 abstracts, compilations, summaries or any other format reproducing or capturing any  
9 of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to  
10 retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing  
11 transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert  
12 reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such  
13 materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or  
14 constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in  
15 Section 4.

16       14. Any violation of this Order may be punished by appropriate measures  
17 including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary sanctions.  
18 IT IS SO STIPULATED, THROUGH COUNSEL OF RECORD.

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20 DATED: January 25, 2023

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22 /s/ Kelsey M. Schultz

23 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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25 DATED: January 25, 2023

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27 /s/ Thomas P. Burke Jr.

28 Attorneys for Defendant

The filer attests that all signatories listed, and on whose behalf this filing is submitted, concur in this filing's content and have authorized its filing.

FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 1/26/2023

John E. Mederott

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Honorable John E. McDermott  
United States Magistrate Judge

## EXHIBIT A

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name], of  
\_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury  
that I have read in its entirety and understand the Protective Order that was issued  
by the United States District Court for the Central District of California on  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the case of *Design Collection, Inc. v. Zoetop*  
*Business Co., Ltd., et al.*, Case No. 2:22-cv-05166-PA-JEM. I agree to comply with  
and to be bound by all the terms of this Protective Order and I understand and  
acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment  
in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner  
any information or item that is subject to this Protective Order to any person or  
entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action. I hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name] of \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of process in connection with this action.

Date:

City and State where sworn and signed:

Printed name:

Signature: